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To both Houses of
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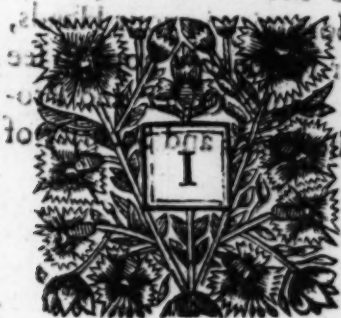
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My Lords and Gentlemen,



Have Appointed this Meeting of the Parliament, as soon as ever the Affairs Abroad would admit of My Return into England, that you might have the more time to Consider of the Best and most Effectual Ways and Means for the Carrying on of the War against France this next Year.

I am willing to hope, that the good Success with which it hath pleased God to bless My Arms in Ireland this Summer, will not only be a great Encouragement to you to proceed the more Cheerfully in this Work; but will be looked upon by you as an Earnest of future Successes, which your timely Assistance to Me, may, by Gods Blessing, procure to Us all. And as I do not doubt, but

you will take Care to Pay the Arrears of that Army, which hath been so Deserving and so Prosperous in the Reducement of *Ireland* to a Peaceable Condition ; So I do Assure you, there shall no Care be wanting on My Part to keep that Kingdom, as far as it is possible, from being Burdensome to *England* for the future.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I do not doubt but you are all sensible, that it will be necessary We should have a strong Fleet next Year, and as Early at Sea as We had this Summer. And I must tell you, That the great Power of *France* will as necessarily require, that We should Maintain a very considerable Army, ready upon all Occasions, not only to Defend Our Selves from any Insult, but also to Annoy the Common Enemy, where it may be most sensible to them : And I do not see how it is possible to do this with less then Sixty five thousand Men.

I shall only add, that by the Vigour and Dispatch of your Counsels, and Assistance to Me in this Session of Parliament, you have now an Opportunity in your Hands, which, if neglected, you can never reasonably hope to see again, not only to Establish the future Quiet and Prosperity of these Kingdoms, but the Peace and Security of all *Europe*.

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